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1. IN SPEECH FORESHADOWED SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER BY
PRIME MINISTER MESSMER, FRENCH MINISTER OF INDUSTRY CHARBONNEL
ADDRESSED NATIONAL ASSEMBLY 6 NOVEMBER ON STEPS TO CONSERVE ENERGY.
STATING THAT FRENCH PETROLEUM SUPPLY POSITION WAS ADEQUATE,
CHARBONNEL INTRODUCED ONLY ONE GOVERNMENT MEASURE: PROHIBITING
SALE OF GASOLINE IN CONTAINERS (AS RECAUTION AGAINST HOARDING).
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CHARBONNEL'S OTHER PROPOSALS, WHICH PURELY VOLUNTARY IN NATURE,

ARE THAT FRENCH MOTORISTS AVOID "UNJUSTIFIED" USE OF AUTOMOBILES, AND LIMIT HIGHWAY SPEEDS TO 100 KMPH. CHARBONNEL ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT FRENCH HOUSEHOLDERS MAINTAIN THERMOSTATS 2 DEGREES C LOWER, WHICH HE CLAIMED WOULD SAVE 15 PER CENT OF FUEL CONSUMPTION. COMMENT: THESE MEASURE CAN BE SEEN MORE AS EFFORT TO PREPARE PUBLIC FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE STEPS, RATHER THAN AS SERIOUS EFFORT TO REDUCE PRESENT CONSUMPTION. IRWIN

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